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LETTER DATED 26 APRIL 1993 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF IRAQ TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to inform you that, on 19 April 1993, the Iranian artillery bombarded civilian areas in the Qal'at Dizah valley, Pishtashan and Qirnago inside Iraqi territory in northern Iraq. This bombardment caused the death of and injuries to a number of civilians and forced more than 3,000 men, women and children to flee the area in order to escape from the Iranian attack.

My Government protests vehemently at this fresh Iranian act of aggression against Iraq, which is a flagrant violation of Iraq's sovereignty and territorial integrity and a clear breach of Security Council resolution 598 (1987), as well as blatant intervention in the internal affairs of Iraq. Iraq reserves its full right to respond to these acts of aggression, which give it the right to use any appropriate means to protect its legitimate rights and interests.

We request you to take the measures imposed by the principles of the provisions of the Charter of the international Organization to prevent the Iranian side from repeating such acts of aggression, which are incompatible with the norms of international law.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as an official document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Nizar HAMDOON
Ambassador
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